

NEWS RELEASE

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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING TO MEET IN CARBON COUNTY

Carbon County to be honored during meeting

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, September 28, 2005, in the commission chambers of the Carbon County Courthouse, 120 East Main Street, Price, Utah. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with an informal briefing session conducted by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, and the formal agenda will begin at 10:00 a.m.

During the informal briefing session the public will be given an opportunity to discuss oil, gas and mining issues or activities with the board. The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will also make a presentation of a plaque to Carbon County honoring its significant contribution to the development of Utah's coalbed methane gas industry. The first coalbed methane well in Utah was drilled in Carbon County.

On September 27, 2005, the board will visit several projects in the Carbon County area. They will visit the Andalex Centennial Project mine to view de-gasification wells above the mine and discuss the permitting process, then travel to oil and gas wells near Huntington Canyon, and look at North Rilda Canyon portal facilities at the Deer Creek Mine and discuss the permitting process for that work. The public is invited to attend but those attending must provide their own transportation and lunch. For more information contact the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining at (801) 538-5340.

AGENDA

1. Docket No. 2005-011, Cause No. 257-01 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of PRODCO, Inc., Petitioner, to Compel Operator Dark Horse Exploration, Respondent, to Account for and Pay Royalties to Petitioner in Accordance with its Interest in Production from the 41-9 Devil's Playground Well, the 11-29 Dirty Devil Well, the 23-17 Dirty Devil Well, the 31-15A Dirty Devil Well, the 23-20 Devil's Playground Well and the 1-18 Devil's Playground Well, located in Sections 9, 29, 17, 15, 20 and 18, respectively, in Township 9 South, Range 24 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah.

An evidentiary hearing will be conducted to determine if penalties and other action as provided for by Utah Code Ann. 40-6-9(7) are appropriate.

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